(FAR) norms. These would, in general, influence the height of buildings.

(c) The developments are being watched.

Land scandal in Punjab

3375. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated 28th February, 1988 to the effect that a big land scandal of illegal allotment of commercial and residential plots by the poiticians Chairmen of the Improvement trusts in some of the major cities in Punjab has been unearthed; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Demarcation of the rear boundary of DDA flats in Friends Colony

3376. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the DDA flats residents Welfare Association, Friends Colony has recently requested Government to direct the Delhi Development Authority to demarcate the rear boundary of the colony as per the approved site and lay-out plan, for the security of residents; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter for which the DDA has already recovered development charges for the service lane and boundary wall from the residents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. Shri E. C. Thomas, President, Friends Colony DDA Flats Welfare Association has made a representation on 26-1-1987.

(b) On receipt of the representation the site was inspected by the Vice-Chairman, DDA alongwith Commissioner (L),, Chief Architect and Chief Engineer (SEZ). The President of the Welfare Association Shri E. C. Thomas, was also present during inspection and it has been decided that the owner of plot No. A-2, Friends Colony may be allowed to construct steps after excluding space of 5 metres behind the flats as provided in the lay-out. It has also been decided that the service road will be common for both the residents of flats as well as plot holders.

Ensuring the benefits of housing loans to the Employees

3377. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the real beneficiaries of the liberal housing loans granted to employees of nationalised banks, insurance companies and even Central Government employees are the promoters, builders' and middlemen and not the employees for whom such scheme was initiated; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to ensure that the benefits go to the employees ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). Housing loans in nationalised banks is given for the clerical and the officer employees of the banks. The LIC provides financial assistance for housing its employees by way of (i) grant of loans to Cooperative Housing societies formed by the employees of the Corpn. for purchase or construction of houses and (ii) individual employees for purchase|construction of houses or purchase of flats. In so far as the Central

Government employees arec oncerned, these loans are advanced to the individual employees.

The loans are sanctioned with a view to enabling the recipients to bulid|acquire houses and this facility is in the best interest of the employees.

Permission for constructions on surplus Land

3378. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government are considering to permit constructions on land declared surplus under the Urban Land Ceiling Act, after charging a specific fees per Sq. ft. and if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : No, Sir.

Schedule of Market rates of land in Malaviya Nagar

3379. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether schedule of market rates of land in respect of different areas in the capital is issued every year by Government; and

(b) if so, what was the scheduled market rate of land in Malaviya Nagar during each year from 1982 to 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) The pre-determined land rates for residential and commercial land for purposes of administration of leases by the Land and Development Office are issued from time to time.

(b) The pre-determined rates for Malaviya Nagar for the years 1982 to 1987 were as follows :—

Period	Rates for Malaviya Nagar Extension.		Rates for Malaviya Nagar (Old.).	
	Residential per sq. m.	Commercial per sq. m.	Residential per sq. m.	Commercial per sq. m.
1-4-81 to 31-3-85	Rs. 2000	Rs. 6000	Rs. 1200	Rs. 2400
1-4-85 to 31-3-87	Rs. 2200	Rs. 6000	Rs. 1320	Rs. 2400
1-4-87 to 31-3-89	Rs. 3600	Rs. 6480	Rs. 3600	Rs. 6480

Functioning of Tubewells in Vasant Vihar

3380. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 500 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th February, 1988 and state :

(a) what is the capacity of tubewell in Vasant Vihar to supply water in the area and the actual average quantity of water being supplied by each to these tube wells daily, in gallons;

(b) whether the concerned authorities do not take prompt action when any tubewell goes out of order; if so, the reasons therefor and the number of tubewells which went out of order in June/July, 1987 and were rectified only in December, 1987 and even thereafter, their water has been declared unfit for drinking, till date;